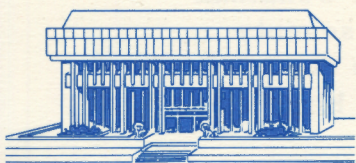


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AMERICA'S FIRST PUBLIC LIBRARY THE PROVINCIAL LIBRARY AT CHARLES-TOWN IN CAROLINA 1698

In this Tricentennial year, South Carolinians have particular cause to be proud of their state library system--the most recent addition to which is a new State Library building in Columbia. In the floor of this new structure rests a plaque tracing its origin back to 1698 when the first public library in America was established in Charles Town. This library was established in the same year as a post office but before the first public school in South Carolina.

The need for a public library system in America was probably best expressed by its founder, the Reverend Doctor Thomas Bray, in his "Essay Towards Promoting All Necessary and Useful Knowledge, Both Divine and Human", published in 1697: "Standing libraries will signify little in this country, where persons must ride some miles to look into a book, such journeys being too expensive of time and money, but lending libraries, which come home to them, without charge, may tolerably well supply the vacancies in their own studies..."

The first library at Charles Town contained volumes on a wide range of subjects, designed to meet the reading needs of the public. Included were titles concerning geography, medicine, rhetoric, grammar, economics, mathematics, trade, etc., as well as those on religion.

Significantly, South Carolina was the only colony to appropriate funds to maintain its library. On September 20, 1698, the South Carolina Assembly allocated funds in the amount of 53 pounds for books sent to the Charles Town Library. On November 19th of the same year, provisions were made for the purchase of additional books. Normally, one would expect the 53 pounds to be paid in money, but the provision of September 20th called for payment in,

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what would seem today, quite an unusual manner: "Ordered that Mr. Jonathan Amory Receiver General do lay out in 'drest skinns' to the value of seventy pounds currant money...for the payment of fifty-three pounds that is due to the said Robert Clovell being part payment of a Public Library bought of him. "

The initial shipment for the library at Charles Town consisted of 225 books, which were valued by Dr. Bray at 300 pounds (about \$720 under today's pound to dollar conversion system).

The protection of the new library was of paramount importance to the colony as a whole--of such importance, that in 1700, the South Carolina Assembly ratified "An Act for Securing the Provincial Library at Charles Town in Carolina". This act entrusted the safekeeping of the volumes to the Incumbent, or Minister of the Church of England. He was directly responsible to nine appointed Commissioners and the Church Wardens. The Commissioners appointed under the auspices of the act were instructed to make seven catalogues of all the books "so any person may know what books are contained in the said library".

In May of 1703, the House of Commons issued instructions to the Receiver to pay Edward Mosely 5 pounds 15 shillings for transcribing the catalogue of the library books.

Any inhabitant of South Carolina was free to borrow any book upon signing a receipt for each one. The size of the books determined the length of time they could be kept on loan. Folios, the largest volumes, could be checked out four months; quartos, the second largest, for two months; and octavos (small volumes) or under, for one month.

It is interesting to note the stiff penalties for failure to return a book. Anyone keeping a book past the due date and failing to return it was liable for three times the value of that book and could be imprisoned until the debt was paid.

As South Carolinians observe their Tricentennial, they can now be more aware and appreciative of the heritage of their state, particularly of their libraries.

The South Carolina State Library is making a contribution to the Tricentennial by publishing a booklet containing a facsimile of the law establishing the library with pertinent facts on the library and its founders.

Presentation to Governor

On September 25th, Estellene P. Walker, Librarian, presented a copy of America's First Public Library; The Provincial Library at Charles Town in Carolina, 1698 to Governor Robert E. McNair. Miss Walker also presented to the Governor a copy of a booklist, Historic South Carolina, A Literary Tour of the State, which was compiled by Barratt Wilkins, Reference Assistant, State Library. The purpose of the list is to acquaint South Carolinians and visitors to the state with South Carolina, its past and present, during its 300th anniversary. The list is available from public libraries, Welcome Centers and at the three Tricentennial exhibition centers.

LANCASTER DEDICATES LIBRARY

On September 14, some 300 persons attended the dedication of the new headquarters building of the Lancaster County Library which inaugurated Lancaster's Tricentennial celebration.

H. W. Close, Chairman of the Board of Springs Mills, Inc., was the featured speaker. Mr. Close spoke on the value of libraries, armories of ammunition for the mind. He complimented Lancaster on the library and said that the Springs Foundation was happy to have had a part in the building fund campaign. The Foundation matched four to one the \$25,000 which was raised by public subscription.

Mrs. Walter Heath, Chairman of the Lancaster County Library Board, presided at the dedication. She recognized past and present members of the Library Board of Trustees, former librarians and guests.

Mrs. H. C. Floyd, a member of the Library Board and of the Lancaster County Tricentennial Commission, presented the keys to the library to Senator Frank L. Roddey saying that the building was a Tricentennial gift to Lancaster citizens. Mr. Roddey accepted the library on behalf of his constituents and unlocked the door for an Open House.

Estellene P. Walker, Librarian; Mrs. Alice I. Nolte, Field Service Librarian; and Nancy C. Blair, Consultant, Special Programs, represented the State Library at the ceremonies.

Alice Melinda Brockman, Camden, attended the event. Miss Brockman has been awarded a State Library scholarship to attend Florida State University School of Library Science. She is sponsored by the Lancaster County Library Board and upon completion of her studies she will return to Lancaster as Head Librarian.

The 16,125 square foot building was funded with local, foundation and Federal Funds. The Lancaster County Delegation made \$150,000 available, the Elliott White Springs Foundation, \$100,000 to match \$25,000 raised by public subscription and the South Carolina State Library made a grant of \$75,000 in LSCA funds.

The red brick exterior has narrow gray glass windows and clear quartz aggregate panels which prevent the building from appearing boxy. The building is carpeted throughout except for the workroom and is air-conditioned.

Joseph H. Croxton was the architect and Phillips Construction Company had the construction contract.

SENATE UNANIMOUSLY BACKS LSCA

On September 21, the Senate voted 63 to 0 for the passage of S. 3318, the Library Services and Construction Amendment of 1970. S. 3318 would extend the Act to June 30, 1976 and consolidate services to state institutions and the handicapped with Title I, Library Services. Each title except Title I, which will receive more funds due to the consolidation, will be funded at the 1971 level in 1972 with a 5% increase for each of the four succeeding years. The total amount authorized for the six years is \$143,130,000.

Senator Hollings should receive special thanks for his support of this measure.

House Action

LSCA bills, HR 19363 and HR 19364, companion bills to S 3318, have been reported out by the House Select Subcommittee on Education and approved for full committee consideration.

Request a copy of HR 19363 or HR 19364 from your Congressman. Indicate your interest and support and tell him what this program has meant to your library and to South Carolina. Ask that he sponsor this legislation.

NEW STATE LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Marshall Doswell, Rock Hill, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees, South Carolina State Library. Mr. Doswell is vice-president of public relations for Springs Mill, Inc., Fort Mill. He is a native of Richmond and a graduate of Hamden-Sidney College.

HOLMESVIEW CENTER RECEIVES BOOKS

Under Title IV-A of the Library Services and Construction Act the State Library is authorized to administer a program for the establishment and improvement of library services in state institutions. The Holmesview Center for the Rehabilitation of Alcoholics in Greenville has been added to the institutions benefiting from the program. Some 600 paperback books have been delivered to the Center. These books were carefully selected to meet the reading needs and interests of the patients. This is the second project in an experiment to determine the role books can play in the rehabilitation of alcoholics, the Palmetto Center in Florence having received such a collection of books last year. The books are on specially constructed mobile shelves, which are located at strategic points in the Center making the books easily accessible.

Other South Carolina institutions participating in the Title IV-A program are: State Hospital, Columbia; Central Correctional Institution, Columbia; School for the Deaf and Blind, Spartanburg; Crafts-Farrow State Hospital, Columbia; Coastal Center for Retarded Children, Ladson; Health Center, State Park; The Crippled Childrens' Home, Florence; and the four juvenile correctional institutions.

TIPS FOR TEACHERS IN CALIFORNIA

The Ventura (California) County and City Library requested and was granted permission to adapt the South Carolina State Library's Tips for Teachers for use in its system. The Ventura version is colorful with black and white print on orange paper. The Ventura County Schools cooperated in the publication.

SPECIAL LIBRARIANS TO MEET

The Special Library Section of the South Carolina Library Association will hold its fall meeting in Greenville on Saturday, October 10th. It is not necessary to be a member of this section in order to participate. All interested persons are urged to attend.

The group will meet at 11 a. m. at the Greenville County Library for a tour of the new building. At 12:30 p. m. there will be a picnic lunch at Phillips Fibers Corporation (at Hwy I-85 and 276-East, at top of hill above Coach House Restaurant and Traveleze Motel). This will be followed by a short business session and a talk on Librarianship as a Profession by Dr. Joanne Harrar, Librarian, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina. The meeting will be followed by a visit to the Piedmont Tricentennial Exposition on Roper Mountain.

Reservations for the picnic lunch (\$1.00) should be made not later than October 8th. Mail your reservation and check to: Mrs. Meta B. Jones, Librarian, Phillips Fibers Corporation, Box 66, Greenville, South Carolina 29602.

FOUR \$500 CONTRIBUTIONS AID LIBRARY RENOVATION

The Central Branch of the Pickens County Library received its fourth contribution of \$500 when the Central Town Council voted unanimously for this amount toward the renovation of the branch building. S. C. Carson, T. A. Folger and J. LeLand Brock had previously donated \$500 each. Contributions of \$1.00 to \$100 have been received.

The library is located in the old Central High School Building. The renovation includes removing partitions to provide 1300 square feet for the library. New lighting has been installed, woodwork painted and the floors repaired. Friends of the Library are working on furnishings and plans call for purchase of draperies and carpet.

It is anticipated that other organizations will use other rooms in the building to make it a community center.

LIBRARIES OFFER SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Charleston and Greenville County libraries have resumed their book evenings discussion groups and lectures.

On September 24, Mrs. Gordon Blackwell was the first speaker for the Greenville County Library's stay-at-home tour. Mrs. Blackwell's topic was Our Visit to Hawaii. The subject for this year's travelogue series is Expo '70 and Japan's neighbors. The program committee for the series include Laura Smith Ebaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tolleson, Jay Shuler, Gil Rowland Mrs. J. Paul Jones.

Charleston's Round Table Book Discussion group reconvened on September 23. Understanding Media: the Extensions of Man by Marshall McLuhan was discussed under the leadership of Lee R. Fugiel, Utilization Advisor on Training Aids, Charleston Naval Base.

On October 5, the first Book Evening of the year at the Charleston County Library will feature Dr. James G. Harrison, retired professor of English, The Citadel. Dr. Harrison's topic will be Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice.

REFERENCE WORKSHOPS PLANNED

The Reference and Interlibrary Loan Service of the South Carolina State Library will hold two one-day reference workshops for library personnel without formal library training. During these sessions, Mrs. Mildred Hulme and Barratt Wilkins of the Reference staff will cover basic reference materials normally available in county and branch libraries.

On October 21, staff members from Chester, Cherokee, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, Newberry-Saluda Regional, Richland, Union, and York will meet at the Chester County Library. A second meeting to be held October 29, at the Greenville County Library will include personnel from Abbeville-Greenwood Regional, Anderson, Greenville, Laurens, McCormick, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg.

These workshops will complete the series begun last Spring, which covered the Pee Dee region and the southern portion of the State.

HISTORICAL TEA HONORS CHESTER COUNTY AUTHORS

A feature of Chester's Tricentennial week, September 27 - October 3, will be an Historical Tea on October 1st honoring Chester County authors. The tea will be held at the Chester County Library. Those attending will have an opportunity to meet the authors, see their books on display and have personal copies of the books autographed.

WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON AGING

In preparation for the 1971 South Carolina and White House Conferences on the Aging, the South Carolina Interagency Council on Aging has arranged for Community White House Forums to be held throughout the state. The purpose of these forums is to permit senior citizens to speak out on their needs and to provide information to the state and national conferences.

Before, during, and after the Conference, many people, both lay and professional, will need and want to be better informed on all aspects of aging. All libraries can contribute through special services which they alone can provide. Libraries can serve their communities by:

1. Providing information and education on aging and its problems for professionals and laymen who work with this group, and for those who are retired;
2. Facilitating the use of libraries by the aged through improved library design;
3. Providing library service appropriate to the special needs of all the aged, including the homebound and the institutionalized;
4. Working with other agencies and groups concerned with these needs and problems;
5. Continually exploring ways of making these services more effective.

EASTER SEAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of South Carolina will hold its 36th Annual Conference on October 6, at the Wade Hampton Hotel, Columbia. Coffee hour and registration are from 9:30 to 10:30.

Ralph D. Doubler, Director, Region III, National Easter Seal Society, Chicago, will be the leader of a panel, Together We Assist South Carolinians Who Are Physically Handicapped. Nancy C. Blair, Consultant, Special Programs, State Library, will be a panel member.

Speaker for the 1:15 luncheon, which concludes the meeting, will be Clebe McClary, a Georgetown native. Mr. McClary received multiple injuries in Vietnam. After fifteen operations and plastic surgery, he now spends his time in Youth Crusades throughout the South.

Mrs. T. Jackson Lowe is director of the Easter Seal Society.

NEWS NOTES OF LIBRARIES, LIBRARIANS AND TRUSTEES

During the summer, Rock Hill teachers prepared a book on the history of Rock Hill and the functioning of its government which is being used by students. Miss Frances Herholtz, director of library service, Rock Hill School District #3, presented to the York County Library a copy of the book, which Norma L. Lightsey, Director, accepted.

On September 22, Nancy C. Blair, represented the State Library at the presentation ceremonies at which more than 40,000 textbooks recorded on discs were formally presented to the Commission for the Blind. Don Staley, Executive Director, Recordings for the Blind, made the presentation. Dr. Fred L. Crawford is executive director of the Commission.

Tom Bryson, a member of the Greenwood County Beautification Commission, presented on behalf of the Commission a book, How to Control Plant Disease in Home and Garden to the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library.

Lennart Pearson, Librarian, Presbyterian College, has been appointed State Coordinator of Federal Relations by J. Mitchell Reames, President, South Carolina Library Association. Mr. Pearson succeeds Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis, Librarian, Horry County Library.

The Union Jaycee-ettes have contributed \$50.00 to the Union Library for the purchase of juvenile books.

The inscription on a newly installed plaque at the Union Library reads: The South Carolina Room. Furnished in Memory of Miss Cornelia Sartor, Librarian 1915-1961. The public is invited to donate South Carolina books in memory of Miss Sartor.

News from University of South Carolina Libraries

On September 1, Barry Baker became assistant order librarian. Mr. Baker, who holds a degree from the Library School, Louisiana State University, was formerly Head of Acquisitions, Macon Junior College.

Mrs. Inez Cosio has been appointed Head of the Order Department. Mrs. Cosio, who has been associated with McKissick Library since February, 1967, was graduated from the Department of Librarianship, Kansas State Teachers College.

Kenneth E. Toombs, Director of Libraries, attended an institute on Problems in Academic Library Building Construction at the University of California at Los Angeles September 14-19.

Renovations at McKissick Memorial Library include carpeting and painting of the first and second floors and improved lighting in the entrance and the public lounge.

SOUTHEASTERN IN ATLANTA

The 24th biennial conference of the Southeastern Library Association will be held at the Marriot Motor Hotel in Atlanta, November 4-7.

In order to expedite registration, pre-registration is suggested. The deadline for pre-registration is October 15. If you have not received necessary forms, request them from the Association, P. O. Box 1032, Decatur, Georgia 30030.

CATALOGING NON-BOOK MATERIALS

In view of the widespread interest in developing rules for the cataloging of non-print materials, the following action was taken at the recent ALA Conference:

The Cataloging and Classification Section Executive Committee has recommended that the Canadian Library Association publication: Non-book Materials; the Organization of Integrated Collections. Preliminary edition be accepted as an interim guide for the cataloging of non-book materials, with the proviso that a permanent ALA-CLA committee be established to work on any necessary revision for the final edition and its supplements.

The price of Non-book Materials is \$3.50, and it is available from the Canadian Library Association, 63 Sparks Street, Room 606, Ottawa 4, Canada.

SYMPATHY TO

The family of Mrs. O. A. Matthews who died in Bennettsville September 15. Mrs. Matthews was a long time member of the Marlboro County Library Board.

The family of Dr. J. H. Sanders of Gaffney who died September 7. Mrs. Sanders is a member of the Cherokee County Library Board.

YOUR PROBLEMS
by
ANNE LIBRARY

Dear Anne:

I have to blow off steam! I guess I'm getting old and crochety and things get on my nerves. But why, why, why should a person who could qualify for a library degree not know what a signature is? I just got a letter signed Mrs., followed by the husband's name. I suppose she's proud of it, and rightly so, but that's her name not her signature. And while I'm blowing, I must say something about the opposite sex. I get so annoyed when a man announces himself as Mr. So and So.

Sign me,

Picky

Dear Picky:

I have no suggestion about the Mrs., but you can always tell Mr. that if he hadn't told you, you would have thought it was Mrs.

CAROLINIANA

Balgar, B. D. Royal South Carolina 1719-1763. University of S. C. Press,
\$1.95. (Tricentennial Booklet Number 7)

Burton, El Milby. Thomas Elfe, Charleston cabinet maker. Charleston
Museum, \$2.00.

Dowling, Edith Bannister. A Patchwork of poems. Peacock Press, Ltd.
Beaufort, S. C., \$1.00.

Peterkin, Julia M. Collected short stories. U. S. C. Press, \$10.00.
(Dr. Frank M. Durham, University of South Carolina professor, is the
editor of this volume of stories, many of which appeared in "little"
magazines.)

Rogers, George C. History of Georgetown County, S. C. University of S. C.
Press, \$12.95. (Georgetown County Tricentennial Commission contributed
to the publication of this volume.)

Rutledge, Archibald. How wild was my village. Wing Publications, \$4.50.
(poems by the state poet laureate.)

Rutledge, Archibald. Poems in honor of South Carolina Tricentennial.
Tricentennial Publications, \$1.25.

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